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REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENTS CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) AND 1.27(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attorneys for Applicants request that Small Entity Status be established for the above-identified application and submit herewith an original Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern executed on behalf of Avatar Medical, LLC by Christopher P. Marshall on July 12, 2001. An assignment from all of the inventors to Avatar Medical, LLC is being submitted for recordation on even date herewith.

It is requested that the Verified Statement be made of record in the file of the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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